

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

BOARD COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting of January 27, 2011

Location: Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
190 N. Independence Mall West, 8th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Attendance at the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission Board Meeting of January 27, 2011 was cancelled due to a winter storm. All voting members and alternates were contacted by email.

Two action items contained in the Agenda were of high importance and voting members were asked to approve via email. These items were previously posted and distributed for public comment. The following respondents constituted a quorum for voting as follows:

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs	Joyce Paul
New Jersey Department of Transportation	David Kuhn
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation	James Ritzman
New Jersey Governor's Appointee	David Reiner
Pennsylvania Governor's Appointee	Toni Crawford-Major
Bucks County	Diane Ellis-Marseglia
Chester County	Natasha Manbeck
Delaware County	John Pickett
Montgomery County	Joseph Hoeffel
Burlington County	Carol Ann Thomas
Camden County	Andrew Levecchia
Mercer County	Donna Lewis
City of Chester	William Payne
City of Philadelphia	Steve Buckley
City of Camden	Edward Williams

The two actions are listed below and were unanimously adopted by the Board.

1. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Action: NJ10-51: Restriping Program and Line Reflectivity Management System (DB #X03A), Various New Jersey Counties

NJDOT has requested that DVRPC amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by removing this project from the DVRPC TIP, Restriping Program & Line Reflectivity

Management System (DB# X03A), and adding it as a line item to the NJDOT Statewide Program in the TIP. This action would require that the FY11 (\$5,000,000 STP), FY12 (\$5,000,000 STP), FY13 (\$5,000,000 STP), and LFYs (\$30,000,000 STP) engineering and construction phase be removed from the highway portion of the TIP and transferred to NJDOT's Statewide Program, therefore, decreasing the region's portion of highway funds. In addition, SJTPO's and NJTPA's regional highway funds programmed on DB# X03A will also be transferred to the Statewide line item.

The reason for this action is that each year NJDOT lets their restriping contracts based on a three year cycle. These cycles do not match the funding levels which are allocated by MPO and causes NJDOT logistical problems each year when preparing advertisements and AD-12 forms, which are used to request final payment, acceptance, and project close out with FHWA. The need for a Statewide line item arises because the funding mix has to change each year in order to match the workload by MPO locations, and flexibility is needed when preparing engineering estimates.

This program provides for the application of long-life pavement markings and raised pavement markers on the state highway system. DVRPC will be working in concert with NJDOT in an effort to obtain a report reflecting the award of funds in each contract period for specific projects in each MPO region.

Financial constraint will be maintained as this action decreases the region's portion of highway funds and the TIP's current conformity finding will not be impacted by this amendment as this project is exempt from the regional air quality analysis.

Favorable recommendation was also received from the PCC/RTC and the RCC, that the Board approve TIP Action NJ10-51.

Action taken by email: The Board approved TIP Action NJ10-51, NJDOT's request to amend the FY2010-2013 TIP for New Jersey by removing this project from the DVRPC TIP, Restriping Program & Line Reflectivity Management System (DB# X03A), and adding it as a line item to the NJDOT Statewide Program in the TIP. This action would require that the FY11 (\$5,000,000 STP), FY12 (\$5,000,000 STP), FY13 (\$5,000,000 STP), and LFYs (\$30,000,000 STP) engineering and construction phase be removed from the DVRPC portion of the TIP and transferred to the Statewide portion, thereby decreasing the region's portion of highway funds. The approval of this action is contingent upon the agreement of NJDOT to provide a report to the MPOs for review and comment showing the award of funds in each contract period for specific projects in each region (by SRI and milepost) before NJDOT

publishes any request for bids for any new, updated, or extended vendor contracts under this line item.

2. Approval of Recommendation for Reaffirmation of Conformity Determination of the FY 2011-2014 TIP for Pennsylvania and the Connections Long Range Plan

Sean Greene, DVRPC Senior Transportation Planner, Office of Long-Range Planning and Economic Coordination, explained to the Board that Transportation conformity is a process established by the Clean Air Act to ensure that federal transportation projects and transportation investment activities are consistent with (“conform to”) the state commitment for meeting air quality goals. DVRPC has performed a regional emissions analysis to determine transportation conformity of the FY 2011 Pennsylvania TIP, FY 2010 New Jersey TIP, and the *Connections* LRP.

In July 2010, the DVRPC Board adopted the conformity finding of the FY 2011 Pennsylvania TIP, FY 2010 New Jersey TIP, and the *Connections* LRP (Resolution # B-FY11-001). This conformity finding covers:

- Ozone (the entire DVRPC planning area);
- CO (Burlington, Camden, Mercer, and Philadelphia Counties);
- PM_{2.5} (the Philadelphia-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE PM_{2.5} Non-attainment Area) for both the Annual and 24-hour standards; and,
- PM_{2.5} (the DVRPC portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT PM_{2.5} Non-attainment Area) for both the Annual and 24-hour standards.

WILMAPCO is currently conducting a new conformity determination for their FY 2011-2014 TIP and 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Since New Castle County is included in the Philadelphia-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE PM_{2.5} Non-attainment Areas (both Annual and 24-hour), DVRPC must reaffirm its previous conformity determination for the Pennsylvania TIP and Pennsylvania projects in the *Connections* LRP to support WILMAPCO’s conformity determination for their TIP and RTP.

DVRPC has held a public comment period from December 14, 2010 to January 14, 2011. Currently, as of this summary sheet preparation date, no comments have been received regarding the draft conformity finding. All comments received by the closing of the comment period – and subsequent DVRPC responses – will be properly documented and reported to the Board.

Also, favorable recommendation was received from the PCC/RTC and the RCC for the Board to approve the reaffirmation of the conformity finding for the FY 2011 Pennsylvania TIP and the *Connections* Long Range Plan.

Action taken by email: The Board approved the reaffirmation of the conformity finding of the FY 2011 Pennsylvania TIP and the *Connections* Long Range Plan by adopting Resolution B-FY11-004 (copy attached). Further, approve the actions to amend or modify the FY 2010 TIP for New Jersey and the FY 2011 TIP for Pennsylvania as required.

Approval of the remaining action items from the January 27, 2011 Board Meeting Agenda will be added to the February 24, 2011 Board Meeting Agenda for adoption.

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